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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF MISSIONARIES FROM ANGOLA

1. THE MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY, AN IRISH ORDER OF NUNS, HAVE A MISSION AT VILA ROCADAS IN EXTREME SOUTHERN ANGOLA. OF THE EIGHT SISTERS NOW THERE, ONE IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN LUANDA HAS RECENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL AMERICANS DEPART ANGOLA. TWO SIS-

TERS LEFT LAST WEEK FOR NAMIBIA AND IT IS POSSIBLE THE REMAINING SISTERS HAVE LEFT OR WILL SOON LEAVE. IF SO THEY WILL INFORM THEIR IRISH HQ OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN NAMIBIA.

2. COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR BETWEEN LUANDA AND SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND OUR CONSUL GENERAL CANNOT COUNT ON BEING INFORMED BY THE SISTERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CALL SISTER MARY GARRETT AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL, DROGHEDA, COUNTY LOUTH, 041-7601. ASK HER FOR INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE EIGHT REMAINING SISTERS, INCLUDING SISTER NANCY CANAWAY, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION

TO LUANDA AND THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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